

8. (Amended) A cell according to Claim 1 characterised in that said pluripotential characteristic includes the presence of telomerase activity in said pluripotential cell.

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9. (Amended) A cell according to Claim 1 characterised in that said pluripotential characteristic includes the presence of a chromosomal methylation pattern characteristic of pluripotential cells.

10. (Amended) A cell according to Claim 1 characterised in that said pluripotential characteristic includes the ability to induce tumours when introduced into an animal.

11. (Amended) A cell-line comprising cells according to Claim 1.

13. (Amended) A method for preparing a cell according to Claim 1 comprising:

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- (i) combining at least one embryonal stem/embryonal germ cell with at least one somatic cell;
  - (ii) removing from said combined cell, the embryonal stem/embryonal germ cell nucleus;
  - (iii) culturing said cell under conditions conducive to proliferation and expansion of said cell; and, optionally
  - (iv) storing said cell culture under suitable storage conditions.

14. (Amended) A method for preparing a cell according to Claim 1 comprising;

- (i) providing at least one embryonal stem/embryonal germ cell;
- (ii) separating at least part of the cytoplasm from the nucleus of said embryonal stem/embryonal germ cell;
- (iii) isolating said cytoplasmic part

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- (iv) combining said cytoplasmic part with at least one somatic cell;
  - (v) growing said combined cell in culture; and optionally
  - (vi) storing said combined cell under suitable storage conditions.
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17. (Amended) A method according to Claim 13 characterised in that said embryonal stem/embryonal germ cell and somatic cell are of human origin.

18. (Amended) A cell culture comprising at lease one cell according to Claim 1.

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19. (Amended) A method for inducing differentiation of at least one cell according to Claim 1 comprising;

- (i) providing a cell according to Claim 1;
  - (ii) culturing said cell under conditions conducive to the differentiation of said cell into at least one tissue; and optionally
  - (iii) storing of said differentiated tissue prior to use under suitable storage conditions.
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21. (Amended) At least one tissue type or organ comprising at least one cell according to Claim 1.

22. (Amended) A therapeutic composition comprising;

- (i) at least one cell according to Claim 1; and
- (ii) a suitable excipient, diluant or carrier.

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24. (Amended) A method to treat conditions or diseases requiring transplantation of tissue comprising;

- (i) providing at least one tissue type or organ according to Claim 21;
  - (ii) surgically introducing said tissue or organ into a patient to be treated;
- and

(iii) treating said patient under conditions which are conducive to the acceptance of said transplanted tissue by said patient.

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25. (Amended) A kit comprising at least one cell according to Claim 1; instructions with respect to maintenance of said cell in culture; and, optionally, factors required to induce differentiation of said cell to at least one desired tissue type or organ.

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